An other Dog, that had the Nerves of the *Par vagum* only tyed, lived 10 Days. He vomited frequently, and would not eat unleſs clandeſtinely: He breathed with Sighs, and was very faint.

A Dog, that had the Trunk of the *Aorta deſcendens* tyed hard a little above the Diaphragme, immediately loſt the uſe of his hind Legs; for when he ſtood on his fore Legs, he would draw after him his hinder Legs, as if they had been dead: He grew weaker by degrees, and dyed in five Hours.

July the 12th, a *Mole* being ſtung in the Side by a *Scorpion*, dyed immediately convulſed. In this we obſerved, that the *Inteſtinum cæcum* is wanting in Moles.

III. *A Letter from the late Mr.* Edward Lhwyd, *Keeper of the* Aſhmolean Muſéum *in* Oxford, *to Dr.* Tancred Robinſon, *F. R. S. Giving a farther Account of what he met with remarkable in* Natural Hiſtory *and* Antiquities, *in his Travels thro'* Wales.

Lhan Dyvodog, Glamorganſhire, Sept. 22. 1697.

SIR,

I Had no ſooner received your laſt, but was forced to retire in a hurry to the Mountainous Parts of this County, in order to copy out a large *Welſh* MS. which the Owner was not willing to ſpare above two or three Days, and that in his Neighbourhood. It was writ on Vellom, about 300 Years ſince; and contained a Collection of moſt of the oldeſt Writers mentioned by Dr. *Davies*,

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Davies at the end of the *Welſh* Dictionary: So I thought it better treſpaſſing on the Gentleman's patience that lent it, than loſe ſuch an Opportunity as perhaps will not occur again in my Travels. This is the occaſion of my long Silence —— the tranſcribing of that Book taking up two Months of our time.

I ſent Mr. *Ray* an Account of ſome Plants we met with, with three or four Figures, which perhaps you have ſeen. We have ſince found two or three others, which I had never met with before; *viz.* 1. *Lyſimachia Chamænerion dicta Alpina C. B. Prodr.* 2. *Bifolium minimum.* 3. *Solanifolia Circæa Alpina C. B.* 4. Mr. *Ray*'s *Alſine ſpuria puſilla repens foliis Saxifragæ aureæ.* We found indeed the Firſt alſo laſt Year at *Hyſvaè*, one of the Hills of *Snowdon*; and I had formerly ſent Mr. *Ray* a dried Leaf. Dr. *Richardſon* brought it home with him laſt Year; and it flowring ſince in his Garden, he is fully ſatisfy'd it is diſtinct from the Common *French* Willow-Herb.

In a ſteep Rock called *Craig y park*, and others in the Pariſh of *Tſtrad Dyvodog*, we obſerved divers Veins of Coal, expoſed to ſight as naked as the Rock; and found a Flint Axe, ſomewhat like thoſe uſed by the *Americans.*

At *Goldcliff* in *Monmouthſhire* we had ſome variety of form'd Stones: But what pleaſed me moſt was an *Aſteria*, or Column Star-Stone, beſet with Sprigs the whole length of it, iſſuing from the Commiſſures of the Plates.

This County abounds with *Entrochi*; one whereof I ſaw in a Rock at the Iſle of *Barry*, above 15 Inches in length; and another about 10 Inches long, but as thick as a Cane. We took their Figures and Dimenſions, but could not get off the Stones without breaking.

At *Kaer phily* Caſtle the People ſhewed us an Inſcription (as they ſuppoſed) on one of the Steps of the Tower;

Tower; a Copy whereof I here ſend you. I muſt confeſs I am not fully ſatisfied whether it were ever deſigned for reading, or for ſome kind of Antique Ornament; but rather incline to the latter. The Stone was not deſigned for a Step, there being none of the ſame kind in the whole Stair-Caſe. The Marks were moſtly worn out by treading; and it is poſſible they might be once more uniform; and ſome few Miſtakes may have happened in the copying it as it is. I have ſent the Stone to the *Muſéum* at *Oxford*; where the Curious may be ſatisfied. Were it the old *Celtic* Character, which *Cæſar* ſays was like the *Greek*, 'twere a noble Diſcovery: But I fear our Anceſtors (if ever they had any Writing) have left us none upon Stones.

I alſo copied the Maſons Marks on ſome Stones there; whereby perhaps ſome Perſons curious in Architecture may judge whether it has been a *Roman* or later *Britiſh* Building: I ſay *Roman* or *Britiſh*, becauſe the *Saxons* and *Danes* never ſettled here; and it is older than the *Norman* Conqueſt.

We have collected what Inſects occur'd this Summer, eſpecially the Butterflies; but we are ignorant of the means of preſerving them well in our Travels. I ſhall take all the Care I can of the Zoophytes this Winter in *Pembrokeſhire* and *Cardiganſhire*; but as yet we have met with very few of them. I am,

Honoured Sir,

Your moſt humble and

affectionate Servant,

E. LHWYD.

Fig. 1.

Fig. 1. The Maſons Marks on the Stones that ſupported the Arches at *Kaerphily* Caſtle, *Glamorganſhire.*

Fig. 2. A Sculpture on one of the Steps in a round Tower at *Kaer Phily* Caſtle.

Fig. 3. Certain Plates which frequently occur amongſt the *Entrochi* of this County.

IV. *Several Obſervations relating to the* Antiquities *and* Natural Hiſtory *of* Ireland, *made by Mr.* Edw. Lhwyd, *in his Travels thro' that Kingdom. In a Letter to Dr.* Tancred Robinſon, *Fellow of the College of Phyſicians and Royal Society.*

Bathgate near *Linlithgow*, *Scotland*, Dec. 15. 1699.

SIR,

YOUR laſt, dated ſome time in *July*, overtook me about a Month after in *Ireland*; whence I had returned my Thanks, but that I was deſirous to ſee ſomewhat more of the Country, in order to ſome Materials for a Letter. But having no conveniency of diſpatching Letters from the *Highlands* of this Kingdom, I find I have now ſo long defer'd it, that I have by me Materials for ſeveral Letters; which muſt ſerve hereafter, when we traverſe Places affording fewer Curioſities.

We continued not above three Days at *Dublin*, when we ſteer'd our Courſe towards the *Giants Cauſway*. The moſt remarkable Curioſity we ſaw by the way, was a ſtately Mount at a Place called *New Grange* near *Drogheda*; having a number of huge Stones pitch'd on end round about it, and a ſing e one on the Top. The Gentleman

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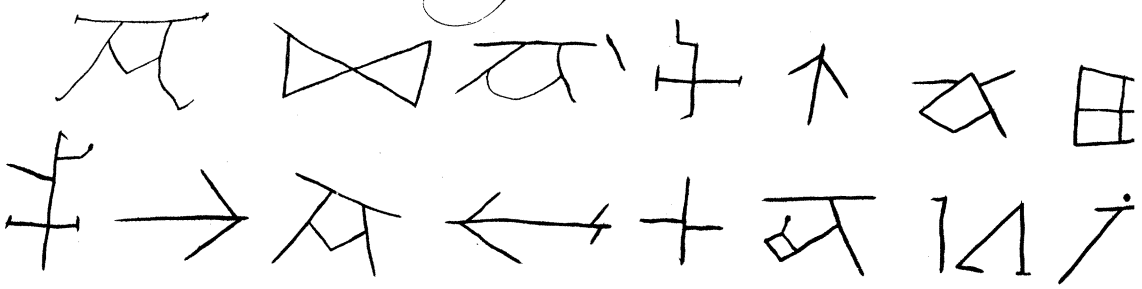

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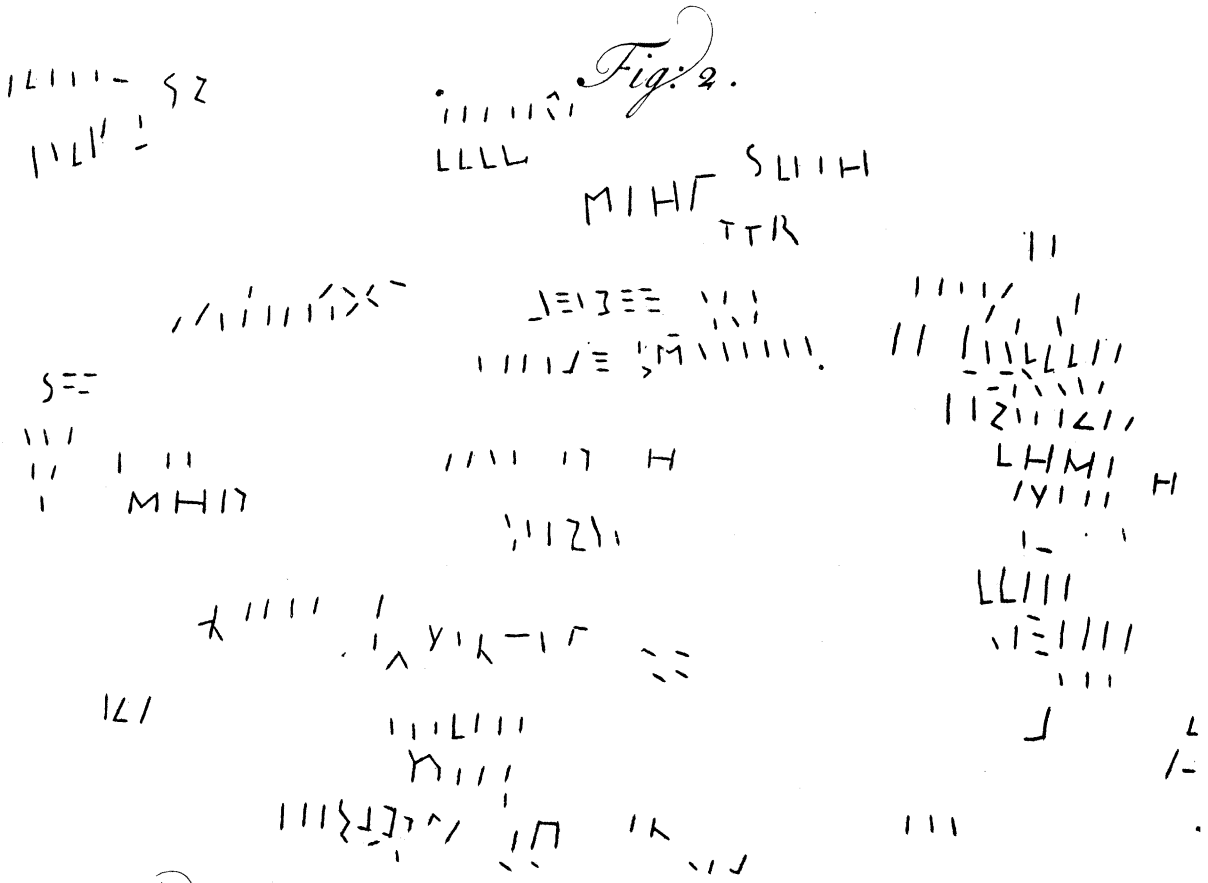

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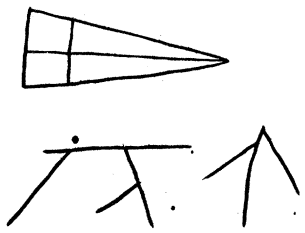

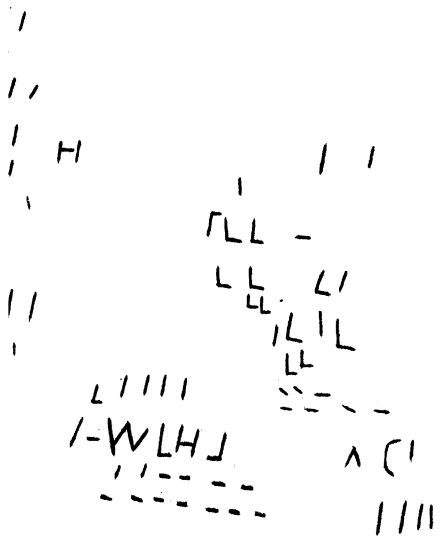

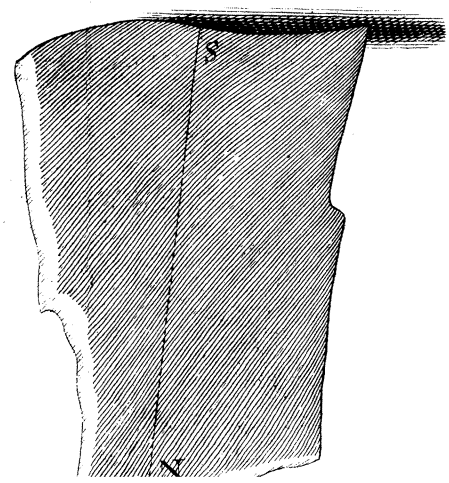

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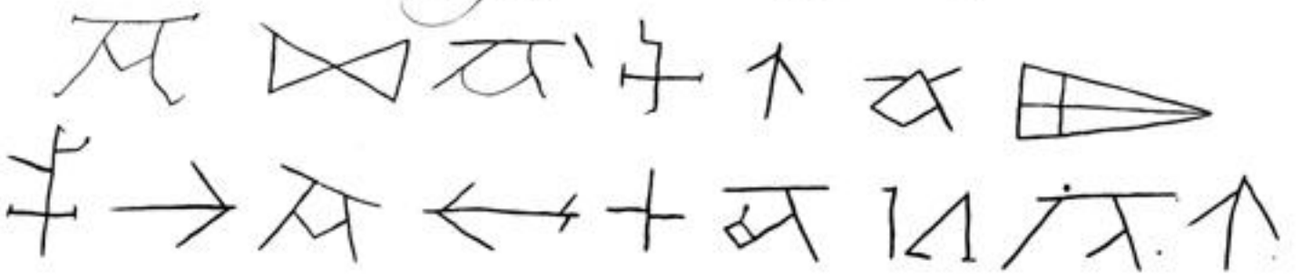

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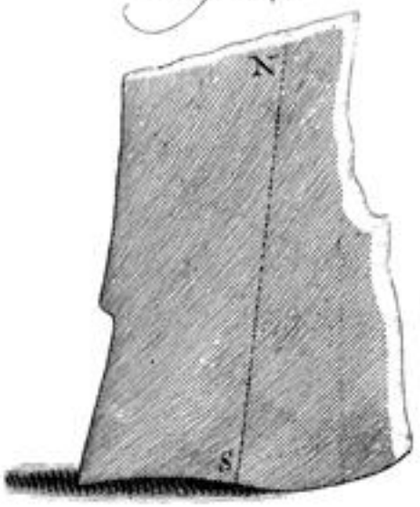
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